Mergers of MNCs

1439. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) wheher it is a fact that in the liberalised regime, there have been takeovers and mergers by the foreign multinationals and domestic companies, leading to creation of monopolistic condition, cartelization etc;

(b) if so, the deails of such takeovers and mergers, the name of the companies, their product profiles, market shares before and afer takeovers and mergers and financial stakes before and after mergers, during the past three years; and

(c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to prevent the creation of monopolistic|oligopolistic conditions and formation of cartels in the liberalised regime?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) After the amendment of the MRTP Act on 27.9.1991, complaints have been received relating to amalgamation of Tata Oil Mills Company Ltd. with Hindustan Lever and Lipton India Ltd. with Brooke Bond India Ltd. In the first case the Honourable MRTP Commission has already instituted an enquiry and the matter is sub-judice before the Commission. In the second case, the Honourable Commission has referred the matter to Director General (Investigation and Registration) for preliminary investigation.

Family Courts in States

1440. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Women has expressed concern about non-functionjng of family courts in the States;

(b) if so, the deails thereof;

(c) whether any directive has been issued by Government to State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the impact thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) The National Commission for Women is of the view that family courts set up in the States have not been functioning properly and the States which have not so far set up family courts should do so both at the State and District levels without any further delay. The Commission is also of the view that more and more women lawyers should be appointed as Judges of the family courts.

With regard to setting up of family courts, the States|UTs (which have not so far set up family courts) have been requested to take suitable steps in this regard.

Investigations against MNCs by DGIR

1441. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 469 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1994 and state:

(a) whether the Director General Investigation and Registration had since completed the investigation in regard to certain companies, like Colgate India Ltd., etc.; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The preliminary investigations in respect of M/s. Hindustan Lever Ltd. and M|s. Ponds India Ltd. have since been completed and reports thereof submitted to Honourable MRTP Commission. The cases are therefore sub-judge before the Commission.

Regarding M/s. Colgate Palmolive India Ltd., DG (I&R) has called for certain information from the company